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SUBJECT: ESF ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS PROJECT PROPOSAL

REF: 04 STATE 263156

1. Overview of Request: Post is requesting ESF funding through G/TIP in the amount of \$177,728 for a research and capacity building program. This project will have two key components: a) strengthening civil society efforts to combat trafficking in persons and b) identifying trafficking patterns in Central and Northern Mozambique. The project will be implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which has extensive experience in anti-TIP programs in the Southern African region, including Mozambique. IOM was the only organization to submit a proposal in response to Embassy requests.

2. Below are responses to the eleven points in paragraph 13 of reftel:

A. Project Title: IOM Southern Africa Counter-Trafficking Assistance Program: Research and Capacity Building for Mozambique

B. Name of Recipient Organization: International Organization for Migration/Southern Africa office. IOM is based in Pretoria but has received GRM authorization to open a branch office in Maputo in 2005, which will facilitate project activities.

C. Project Duration: Project duration will be eight months, through the end of 2005.

D. Project Description: IOM will expand its regional counter-trafficking assistance programs by: a) strengthening civil society groups working on anti-trafficking issues currently, and b) conducting anti-trafficking research in northern and central Mozambique.

The research component will focus on identifying trafficking patterns in two major transportation corridors about which very little is known, Beira-Manica (central Mozambique) and Nacala-Lichinga (northern Mozambique). IOM will contract two researchers to carry out investigations for six months, and will produce a report in English and Portuguese detailing their findings. Upon completion of research, IOM will initiate its capacity building activities, including a series of training workshops designed to strengthen a network of largely uncoordinated Mozambican NGOs, government agencies, and others that work on anti-trafficking issues. Two-day training sessions will be held in each of Mozambique's ten provinces. The first day will focus on the basics of the trafficking problem. The second day will focus on coordination of activities, including assistance measures, data collection, and establishment/enforcement of anti-trafficking laws.

E. Justification: Mozambique is a country of origin for internationally trafficked women and children. South Africa is the principal receiving country for trafficked persons; IOM reports that approximately 1,000 women per year are trafficked from Southern Mozambique to work as prostitutes in the Johannesburg area, generally near the mines. Anecdotal evidence suggests that trafficking to South Africa and Zimbabwe takes place in central and northern Mozambique also, but no credible studies exist to document patterns. Mozambique currently does not have an anti-trafficking law, but a law based on international norms was drafted in late 2004 and may be introduced in the National Assembly in 2005. Interest in anti-trafficking issues among Mozambican civil society has risen in recent years, but advocacy, data collection and reintegration programs are still very much uncoordinated, and little technical support is available.

F. Performance Indicators: IOM will provide a report on human trafficking in Mozambique will be published, offering profiles of victims and perpetrators, methods of recruitment, transportation, and exploitation, as well as an account of the existing assistance infrastructure. IOM will also provide a list of key counter-trafficking stakeholders identified in each province and establishment of a formal network of these stakeholders working on counter-trafficking issues. At the last seminar, held in Maputo, an anti-trafficking action plan will be drafted by the stakeholder network.

G. Evaluation Plan: IOM will prepare three official reports on the project for donors and the GRM; two of these will be interim reports after the third and sixth month of implementation, focusing on research activities. The third and final report will include an evaluation of the final two months of project implementation during which the training seminars were conducted. IOM Maputo will follow up with stakeholders three months after the conclusion of the project to assess implementation of the plans of action, and offer a final evaluation of the impact of the project.

H. Budget Breakout:

Field Research \$116,950

Trafficking Seminars \$44,650

Staff and Office Costs \$16,128

I. Type and amount of host government contribution: None

J. Proposed funding mechanism: Contribution letter

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